

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention relates to holding a call being executed between communication devices in a communication system which has a first function for a holding party of the communication devices to hold the call by transmitting a first request signal to a held party and a second function for the holding party to hold the call by transmitting a second request signal to the held party and receiving a response signal. The holding party transmits the second request signal first and when the response signal is not returned within a given time, transmits the first request signal. A transit device for relaying a call between communication devices, unless detecting the response signal within a given time after relaying the second request signal, transmits the first request signal to the held party, generates the response signal and transmits the generated response signal to the holding party.